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## **Maryland State Department of Education Honors Excellence in Career and Technology Education**

*2010 Career and Technology Education Awards of Excellence Program*

BALTIMORE – The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) will honor outstanding performance in secondary and postsecondary Career and Technology Education (CTE) at the 2010 Awards of Excellence on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel.

Speakers and award presenters include State Superintendent of Schools, Nancy S. Grasmick and Assistant State Superintendent for Career and College Readiness, Katharine Oliver. Dr. Charlene Dukes, Vice President, Maryland State Board of Education, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Maryland's Career and Technology Education Awards of Excellence program is sponsored by MSDE. It is an annual event recognizing outstanding programs, student organizations, change agents, business partnerships, distinguished service, and national award winners.

“These outstanding award recipients represent a commitment to high standards at every level—from academic and technical achievement to business and community involvement,” said State Superintendent of Schools Nancy S. Grasmick. “They are all deserving of recognition and are a testimony to Maryland’s nationally recognized system of career and technology education.”

This year’s award winners include:

- Outstanding Business Partnership - Secondary – The Baltimore Alliance for Careers in Healthcare, Partnership with Baltimore City Public Schools
- Outstanding Business Partnership – Post Secondary – BD Diagnostics, Partnership with Stevenson University

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- Outstanding Career Technology Education Program - Secondary – Project Lead The Way Program, Charles Herbert Flowers High School, Prince George’s County Public Schools
- Outstanding Career Technology Education Program - Postsecondary – International Culinary Internship Program, Anne Arundel Community College
- Outstanding Change Agent - Secondary – Dr. Jack Smith, Superintendent, Calvert County Public Schools
- Outstanding Change Agent - Postsecondary – Transition Advisor Team, Anne Arundel Community College
- Outstanding Career Technology Student Organization – FBLA, Clear Spring High School, Washington County Public Schools
- Distinguished Service Award – Secondary – Dr. Richard Weisenhoff, Coordinator of Career and Technology Education, Howard County Public Schools
- Distinguished Service Award – Postsecondary – June Fordham, Senior Academic Administrator, Prince George’s Community College
- Innovations in CTE – Michael Svezese, Jr., Harford Technical High School

Outstanding CTE programs at the high school and community college levels are judged in four areas: program description, learner outcomes, program outcomes and integration with systemic reform. The change agent award recognizes leadership for innovative change in CTE programs and focuses on goals of change, the change process, and overall results. The CTE career technology student organization award honors one local chapter of a CTE student leadership organization for providing growth opportunities to its members and emphasizing educational and career development of chapter members as a result of participation in the organization’s activities.

The business partnerships award is presented to a business that has established a strong working partnership with a secondary or postsecondary institution in order to support, promote and improve CTE programs. The results of this partnership benefit the school, community and business. The distinguished service award honors individuals who have demonstrated a high level of leadership, vision and achievement in career and technology



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education. The Innovations in CTE award honors individuals using innovative future-focused strategies that keep CTE on the cutting edge.

For specific information on individuals or groups receiving awards or to contact winners, please call Patricia M. Mikos, Division of Career and College Readiness, MSDE, at 410-767-0186.

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